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DIARY NOTES

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1. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that his appointment with a certain scientist in New York had been canceled but that he would probably keep it sometime next week.

2. Met Mr. Greenfield who handles the auditing of Loyalty Board cases for Senator Bingham's Office.

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3. [REDACTED] National Security Agency, was over to talk to me again; he was interested in knowing how we arrange to get our supergrades. I advised him that the Classification Act of 1949 exempted CIA from compliance therewith and that the Comptroller General had rendered a decision that this Act, coupled with the provisions of Section 10, Public Law 110, gave the Director authority to appoint individuals to positions comparable to supergrades without outside approval or consultation. [REDACTED] stated that the National Security Agency did not plan to seek legislation in this respect but hoped to work out something within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He assured me that in any discussions which took place CIA would not be used as an example.

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4. [REDACTED] and I reviewed several problems with [REDACTED] Firstly, a proposal that a travel date be set for personnel departing for overseas so that in the event of unforeseen delays the individuals would be paid per diem whether or not they actually were in travel status. I pointed out to Perry that we could not issue a regulation on this subject but would be as sympathetic as possible to individual cases where it could be clearly shown that delays were the result of the peculiar nature of CIA's business and justified the expenditure of unvouchered funds.

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Secondly, [REDACTED] proposed that personnel returning from overseas be paid temporary lodging allowances in Washington (such as they are when they arrive overseas) for reasonable periods of time until their household goods arrive and they are able to establish normal living conditions. I am certainly sympathetic to this problem; however, it is almost wholly a legal one. Our new policy of not shipping household goods overseas will solve this to a great degree, but I have asked [REDACTED] to undertake a study of the situation. He informs me that he believes the Foreign Service at the Department of State is doing something along this line.

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Thirdly, [REDACTED] presented two cases wherein our employees had been [REDACTED] and their household goods had not been received in the States for some ninety days after their return with their families, all of which, of course, put them to considerable expense. I asked him to submit a memorandum on these two cases and stated that I would see what could be done.

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5. I arranged for George Carey to see Mr. [REDACTED] papers. He is interested in talking with him.

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6. I have asked General Morris, [REDACTED] and a couple of my friends outside of the Agency to give me some suggestions regarding people to recommend to Senator Saltonstall for his staff on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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7. Participated in a discussion with Mr. Wolf, General Morris, George Meloon, and [REDACTED] regarding the table of organization and ceiling for the Personnel Office. It was agreed that the table of organization and the ceiling would be established [REDACTED] and that we would review it again at the end of March and at the end of June. Everyone agreed that the strength of the Personnel Procurement Division looked high and that every effort should be made to cut it down. H

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